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a city in which every animal receives responsible care.*

Paws to Consider

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"Howl"oween safety tips for the trick or treating season

Halloween is traditionally a family-oriented holiday and many people like to include their pets in the festivities. But good intentions can go bad if you don't keep in mind the many dangers pets can face during the month of October. Remember these tips as your family enjoys the trick or treating season with your four legged friends:

 Both black and white cats should be kept indoors as they are often victims of pranks that are not always harmless. Animal Care Services temporarily suspends adoption of all black and white cats until after the holiday.


 Talk to your kids about the danger of giving your pet Halloween treats. Chocolate of any type, even a nibble, can be toxic and potentially fatal to dogs and cats. Keep holiday goodies like candies and cookies away from your pets.


 Cellophane and foil wrappers, lollipop and caramel apple sticks should be thrown away immediately. They pose a choking hazard if swallowed.

 Trick-or-treating may be fun for the family but the constant ringing of the doorbell can scare your pet. Provide a quiet, safe place for your pet to relax. A closed off room with your pet's bed and some treats would work.



 Although it may be tempting to bring Fido along while trick-or-treating, keep in mind holiday masks and costumes could be threatening to your family pet. Fear may lead to protective or aggressive behavior like biting and growling.

 Halloween decorations, like jack-o-lantern candles and electric strings of lights can spark curiosity in pets. Keep them out of reach.

 Not all pets can or will tolerate a costume or embellished collar. Instead, include your pet in the fun with a holiday themed toy or treat.

Events, Events, Events!

Saturday, October 3rd
433rd Airlift Wing Family Fair-ACS adoptions
Lackland AFB
11am-4pm

Saturday, October 17th
AAPAW Super Adoptions-ACS adoptions
The Rim
I-10 at La Cantera
10am-3pm

Saturday, October 24th
Young Heroes Club-ACS adoptions
Methodist Stone Oak Hospital
1139 East Sonterra
10am-noon

Saturday, October 24th
SA Fire Dept. Regional Health & Safety Fair-ACS adoptions
Crossroads Mall
IH-10 at Loop 410
1pm-3pm



Animal Care Services' adoption events are the perfect opportunity to get a new pet for your family.

Do you recycle?

How about recycling with Animal Care Services?

You'll be helping the environment and the pets at ACS! Animal Care Services is ALWAYS in need of old newspapers, used blankets and towels. These items are used everyday to provide bedding and comfort to the animals in the shelter and clinic. Businesses and schools are encouraged to start donation drives to



bring in items for the shelter pets. Donations can be dropped off anytime during regular business hours. Large amounts of collected items can be brought in or picked up by ACS staff by calling 207-6665.

